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for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Japan plans to offer support to the candidates from Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Korea for the short list for Colombo Plan Secretary General, MOFA First Country Assistance Planning Division officer Michiko Nakano told Embassy political officer on May 18. Japan is inquiring who, in addition to the Malaysian candidate, the United States plans to support. Given the limited time prior to the meeting, we will respond that Japan's representative on the selection panel should consult closely with ours at the May 18 meeting in Colombo.
SCHIEFFER